

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Park and Recreation Conference Room  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall  
Monday, January 11, 2010  
3:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Bryan Frye, Tom Roth, John Stevens, Andy Solter, Randy Brown, Cindy Claycomb,

**Absent:** Matt Goolsby

**Also Present:** Doug Kupper, Director of Park and Recreation, Karen Walker, Sharon Dickgrafe, Assistant City Attorney, Lee Ann Sack, Clerk, Curt Van Boening, Wichita Audubon Society, Jerry Warren, citizen.

President Frye called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

None.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

President Frye congratulated Kupper for 10 years of service to the City of Wichita and the Department of Park and Recreation.

**Item 1: Approval of Minutes**

**On a motion by Roth, second by Solter, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE the Park Board regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2009.**

**Item 2: New Issues for Consideration**

None.

**Item 3A: Draft Ordinance 9.03**

Kupper reported positive response from all 6 District Advisory Board presentations for revising and updating ordinances relating to parks, making it easier to read and understand for citizens. Dickgrafe has made additional revisions specific to park and non-park facilities. The revised document was provided to Park Board members prior to the meeting.

Stevens commented that Council Member Williams had suggested presentation to the Mayor's Youth Council. He asked for staff assistance so he could make that presentation.

Kupper stated his intention to wait until Draft Ordinance 9.08 had been presented to all DAB's and final approval had been obtained from the Park Board so that Ordinance 9.03 and Ordinance 9.08 could be presented to City Council at the same time.

Frye asked if it would be presented for consent or as New Business.

Dickgrafe stated it would be City Council New Business and would require two public readings and publishing's.

Stevens suggested also presenting Draft Ordinance 9.08 to the Mayor's Youth Council.

Kupper stated he would assist him in presenting both ordinances.

**Item 3B: Friends University Contract for use of West Side Athletic Field**

President Frye asked for an update of the Friends University contract to use West Side Athletic Field.

Kupper restated background for members Brown and Claycomb, who were not appointed to the Board when the contract was presented. Friends University Baseball proposed use of the main field at West Side Athletic Field as their home field. The location offers greater accessibility for students and visitors with closer proximity to the campus. West Urban was their previous location. Friends University plays NAIA in a ten team conference.

The agreement will provide continual maintenance and general services for West Side Athletic Field by Friends University. The University typically plays a January to May season along with some fall ball. The Park Department will continue with summer scheduling for recreation events. Lease of the building included concessions. The University will provide maintenance of the facility, saving the City of Wichita approximately \$25,000. The Contract has been signed by all parties.

Future expansion could include Ladies Softball on an additional field.

Kupper also reported continuing discussion for University use of Ralph Wulz Tennis Center for potential practices and league events. Friends University may try to bring an NAIA Tennis Tournament to South Riverside/Ralph Wulz Tennis Center.

Claycomb asked about signage at WSAF.

Kupper stated Friends University is presenting sign options to staff to designate the facility as Home of the Friends University Falcons. The University is planning a press release in the near future.

Frye expressed his support for the contract as beneficial to all parties.

**Item 4: Review of Pending Issues**

None.

**Item 5: Updates**

Kupper advised the Board of a potential partnership with Wichita State University Rowing Club. The old firehouse at 19<sup>th</sup> and Market was used for mowing storage, but with mowing being outsourced, the building is available for use. The Rowing Club would use the facility for storage and take responsibility for utility costs. A temporary storage box located near Ralph Wulz Tennis Center would be moved down river to around Kellogg. Any contract will be brought to the Board before presenting to City Council.

Kupper reported that the current CIP is being presented to DAB's.

Stevens, District 1, stated there were no heavy discussions at his DAB during the presentation. Everyone is aware of economic conditions and accept CIP changes as necessary.

Roth, District 2, stated the presentation lacked significant detail. The potential Greenwich/Central Park was discussed. Changes were accepted as a condition of the economy.

Kupper anticipates City Council to take action on the CIP during February.

Kupper reported upcoming improvements of a shelter and restrooms to West Douglas Park. The parking lot construction at 55<sup>th</sup> and Hydraulic should begin this week.

Kupper reported Chapin Park opened on Christmas Eve. Open signs are in place. The radio control area, mountain bike path, and Dog Park are open for use. A ribbon cutting is planned for spring. The CIP currently includes Phase 2 for Chapin Park.

Solter asked the naming of 55<sup>th</sup> and Hydraulic to be placed on the February Park Board agenda.

Stevens inquired about the status of naming the dog park.

Kupper reported it will be on City Council agenda in February.

Frye advised he was on the panel for the Goody Clancy presentation on downtown findings on Wednesday evening, 5:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple. It is open to the public.

Frye asked for Park Board Goals to be placed on the February Park Board agenda so members may adopt specific goals to advance. He asked members to review the goals prior to the meeting.

Frye reported an article in the Westside Story newspaper about a potential skate park on the west side of the city.

Claycomb presented updates on the Coleman Building. Deep contamination of soil, water and building are still present at this site. Coleman is responsible for the cleanup. Adequate monitoring is in place. The foundation cannot be disturbed. A concrete barrier would be required over the existing foundation with no deep plantings such as trees. Dirt could be placed over the barrier with shrub and shallow plantings. The area is not conducive to green parking.

Frye thanked Claycomb for her report.

Stevens asked Kupper for an update of City Hall security passes for the Park Board.

Kupper said he is working to resolve the issue.

Kupper informed the Board of the State of the City Address, January 26, in City Council Chambers.

**Item 7: Adjourn**

There being no further business, Frye adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:35 p.m.

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Bryan Frye, President

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Lee Ann Sack, Clerk